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FROM: GENERAL HAIG

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PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE AT 11:00 A.M. ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1972:

BEGIN TEXT: THE U.S. SIDE HAS RECEIVED THE CHINESE MESSAGE CONCERNING THE IMPACT OF A U.S. MISSIEE ON CHINESE TERRITORY. THE U.S. SIDE REGRETS THAT SUCH AN INCIDENT HAS OCCURRED. THE U.S. SIDE CONTINUES TO TAKE EVERY PRECAUTION TO GUARD AGAINST INCIDENTS OF THIS TYPE. A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THIS INCIDENT HAS BEEN LAUNCHED. IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT THE INCIDENT RESULTED FROM U.S. ACTIONS, APPROPRIATE MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN TO INSURE AGAINST A RECURRENCE. IN ANY EVENT, THE U.S. SIDE HOPES THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS NOW STARTING WILL MAKE THIS ISSUE MOOT. END TEXT.

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